

HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN POLICY (HRHP)

Human Rights & Humanitarian Policy Curriculum

The **Human Rights and Humanitarian Policy (HRHP) concentration** within the MIA and MPA programs at SIPA prepares students for impactful careers addressing human rights issues across both the public and private sectors. The concentration features two focus areas within a common core curriculum. The Human Rights Policy focus area equips students with the knowledge necessary for careers in corporate social responsibility, genocide prevention, gender and globalization, and rights-based development policy. Conversely, the Humanitarian Policy focus area is tailored for careers in managing complex emergencies, early recovery, peacekeeping and peacebuilding, aid coordination, and resource mobilization.

The program benefits from the diverse experiences that students bring, enriching the classroom dynamics and discussions. Graduates have successfully pursued careers in various government agencies, the United Nations, international organizations, NGOs, corporations, community organizations, think tanks, and service organizations. The HRHP concentration provides flexibility, allowing students to specialize in either Human Rights or Humanitarian Policy, while also enabling them to gain a broader understanding of both fields.

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The **Human Rights and Humanitarian Policy (HRHP) concentration** requires the completion of 15 points of graduate coursework, including a mandatory 3-point course in either International Human Rights Law (INAF U6751) or International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law (INAF U6490). Students must also complete 6 points in either the Human Rights Policy focus area or the Humanitarian Policy focus area, allowing for specialized knowledge in their chosen field. Additionally, 6 points of electives from any focus area or the approved electives list round out the curriculum, providing flexibility for students to tailor their studies to their interests.

Required Course

Select at least 3-points of courses from the following:

		Points
INAF U6751	International Human Rights Law	3.00
INAF U6490	International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law	3.00

Concentration Focus Area

Students must take two or more courses from either Category A: Human Rights Policy or Category B: Humanitarian Policy

Category A: Human Rights Policy Focus Area (6 Points)

Select at least 6-points of courses from the following:

		Points
INAF U6041	Corporations and Human Rights	3.00
INAF U6143	Gender, Globalization, and Human Rights	3.00
INAF U6405	Human Rights and the Politics of Inequality	3.00
INAF U6489	Human Rights Research and Reporting	3.00
INAF U8180	Human Rights Skills # Advocacy	3.00
INAF U8166	Rethinking Human Rights # Humanitarianism	3.00
INAF U8189	Politics of History and Reconciliation	3.00
HRTS GU4880	HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES	3.00

Category B: Humanitarian Policy Focus Area (6 Points)

Select at least 6-points of courses from the following:

		Points
INAF U6190	Complex Emergencies: Root Causes to Rebuilding	3.00

INAF U6487	The Tenets and Dilemmas of Humanitarian Action	3.00	HRTS GU4975	Borders, Surveillance, Rights	3.00
INAF U6490	International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law	3.00	HRTS GU4230	REFUGEES, FORCED MIGR # DISPLACEMENT	3.00
INAF U8166	Rethinking Human Rights # Humanitarianism	3.00	HRTS GU4270	SOCIAL MEDIA AND HUMAN RIGHTS	3.00
INAF U8690	Managing Humanitarian Emergencies	3.00	HRTS S4400Q	Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Human Rights	3.00
INAF U8882	Practicum on Education in Emergencies	1.50	HRTS GU4500	SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS	3.00
INAF U6573	Humanitarian, Development, and Peace Nexus	3.00	HRTS GU4600	HUMAN RIGHTS IN ANTHROPOCENE	3.00
HRTS GU4930	INT'L HUMANITARIAN LAW/HUM RGTS	4.00	HRTS GU4650	CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ADVOCACY	3.00
			HRTS GU4880	HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES	3.00
			HRTS GU4900	UN HUMAN RIGHTS BODIES:IMPACT-REFORM-ADV	4.00

Electives

Select at least 6-points of courses from the following:

		Points			
HRHP Electives:					
INAF U4090	Accountability in Humanitarian Action	1.00	HRTS GR6990	HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH SEM	3.00
INAF U6141	Humanitarian Crisis Simulation	1.00	Public Health: ³		
INAF U6151	Children # Armed Conflict	3.00	POPF P6670	Accountability and Ethics in Humanitarian Assistance	1.50
INAF U6486	Humanitarian Engagement with Armed Actors	1.50	POPF P8607	Health and Human Rights Advocacy	3.00
INAF U6493	Giving Away Power: Young People # Humanitarian Practice	3.00	POPF P8620	Protection of Children in Disaster & War	1.50
INAF U6494	Managing People in the Humanitarian Enterprise	3.00	POPF P8625	Communicable Disease in Complex Emergencies	1.50
INAF U6499	Human Rights and Humanitarian Policy Practicum	1.50	POPF P8639	Gender-based Violence in Complex Emergencies	1.50
INAF U6765	The European Union and Human Rights	1.50	POPF P8648	Food and Nutrition in Complex Emergencies	1.50
INAF U6768	Forced Displacement: Refugees, IDPs, and Others in a changing normative and political world	3.00	POPF P8651	Water and Sanitation in Complex Emergencies	1.50
INAF U6802	International Law	3.00	POPF P8673	Reproductive Health in Crisis Situations	1.50
SIPA - Other Courses of Interest					
INAF U6144	Campaigning for Change through Media, Mobilization # the Power of Persuasion	3.00	POPF P8679	Investigative Methods in Complex Emergencies	3.00
INAF U6202	Internet Governance and Human Rights	3.00	POPF P8683	Psychosocial and Mental Health Issues in Forced Migration	1.50
INAF U6173	Migration and Human Development	3.00	POPF P8687	Public Health and Humanitarian Action	3.00
INAF U6348	Engaging Non-State Armed Groups: Lessons from the UN and Beyond	1.50	POPF P9691	Lessons (Un)Learned in Humanitarian Assistance	1.50
INAF U6374	Mainstreaming Gender in Global Affairs	3.00	Law: ⁴		
INAF U6375	Gender and Livelihoods	1.50	LAW L6250	Immigration Law	--
INAF U6376	Transnational LGBTI Rights	1.50	LAW L6276	Human Rights	--
INAF U8370	Promoting Decent Work and Labor Rights in a Globalized Economy	3.00	LAW L6333	Refugee, Migration, and Citizenship Law	--
INAF U6892	Monitoring and Evaluation: Driving Evidence-Based Development and Humanitarian Aid	3.00	LAW L6459	The Law of Genocide	--
INAF U8785	Gender, Politics and Development: Theory, Policy # Practice	3.00	LAW L6506	Gender Justice	--
INAF U8886	Conflict Assessment	1.00	LAW L8044	Human Rights at Home: Advancing US Social Justice	--
Institute for the Study of Human Rights: ²					
HRTS S4025Q	History of Human Rights	3.00	LAW L8067	The Defense Of Freedom Of Expression Around The World: The Role Of The Advocate	--
HRTS GU4185	HUMAN RIGHTS AND GLOBAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE	3.00	LAW L8288	Socio-Economic Rights: Theory and Practice	--
HRTS GU4215	NGOs # THE HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT	3.00	LAW L8294	Managing Human Rights	--
HRTS GU4270	SOCIAL MEDIA AND HUMAN RIGHTS	3.00	LAW L8295	Sovereignty, Human Rights, Judicial Review	--
HRTS GU4460	Climate Justice	3.00	LAW L8816	Transnational Business & Human Rights	2.00
HRTS GU4940	Human Rights and Education	3.00	LAW L8887	September 11 and the Rights of Non-Citizens	--
			LAW L8942	International Criminal Courts: Progress, Problems and Prospects	--

LAW L9165	Transitional Justice.	2.00
LAW L9183	Nuremberg Trials & War Crimes Law	--
LAW L9383	International Humanitarian Law	--
LAW L9410	Law and Policy of Homelessness	--
LAW L9832	Seminar: Human Rights Reparations under Domestic & International Law	--
Other:		
CLEN GU4550	NARRATIVE AND HUMAN RIGHTS	3.00
EMPA U6036	Strategic Corporate Social Responsibility	3.00
POLS GU4474	Politics, Justice and Human Rights in Southeast Asia	4.00
REGN U6149	Energy, Corporate Responsibility # Human Rights	3.00
REGN U6545	Human Rights in the Western Balkans	1.50
REGN U6546	Human Rights & Civil Society in Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia	3.00
REGN U6880	China in International Human Rights Regime	3.00

¹ The elective courses below are suggestions only. Students may choose from elective courses not listed below that are related to their area of specialty within human rights, as long as approved by the Concentration Director (Contact information available here: <https://sipa.columbia.edu/academics/concentrations/human-rights-humanitarian-policy>).

² For more detailed course information, please go to the Institute for the Study of Human Rights website at <http://humanrightscolumbia.org/education/graduate/graduate-course-list>.

³ For more detailed course information, please go to Mailman School of Public Health Courses website at <https://www.mailman.columbia.edu/people/current-students/academics/course-directory>.

⁴ For more detailed course information, please go to the *Law School Curriculum Guide* at <http://www.law.columbia.edu/courses/search>.

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